

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 17, 1847.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

AN ACT

Making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse
between the United States and foreign nations.

1 Whereas war exists between these United States and the
2 Republic of Mexico, and assurances have been given to the gov-
3 ernment of Mexico of the President's wish to settle all questions
4 between the two countries, on liberal and satisfactory terms to
5 each, and their mutual interests and security; and the Presi-
6 dent may be able to conclude peace with the Republic of Mex-
7 ico prior to the next session of Congress, if means for that object
8 are at his disposal: and whereas, in the adjustment of the many
9 complicated questions between the two countries, it may happen
10 that an expenditure of money will be called for by the stipula-
11 tions of any treaty which may be entered into: Therefore,

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the sum of thirty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby
4 appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
5 appropriated, to enable the President to enter upon negotiations
6 for the restoration of peace with Mexico; and also the sum of

7 three millions of dollars be hereby appropriated, out of any
8 money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the
9 President to conclude a treaty of peace with the Republic of
10 Mexico, to be used by him in the event that said treaty, when
11 duly ratified by Mexico, shall call for the expenditure of the
12 same, or any part thereof : *Provided*, That full and accurate ac-
13 counts of all these expenditures shall be by him transmitted to
14 Congress as soon as practicable : *Provided, further*, That there
15 shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in any terri-
16 tory on the continent of America which shall hereafter be ac-
17 quired by, or annexed to, the United States by virtue of this ap-
18 propriation, or in any other manner whatever, except for crimes
19 whereof the party shall have been duly convicted : *Provided*,
20 *always*, That any person escaping into such territory, from
21 whom labor or service is lawfully claimed in any one of the
22 United States, such fugitive may be lawfully reclaimed and con-
23 veyed out of such territory to the person claiming his or her
24 service.

Passed the House of Representatives February 15, 1847.

Attest:

B. B. FRENCH, *Clerk*.